

Board of Madison County Health
January 16, 2007
MINUTES

On Tuesday, January 16, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Health came to order at 5:35 PM with board members Sarah Googe, Ralph Hamler, Sally Sandell and Margaret Bortko in attendance. Jill Steeley and Molly Peterson were also in attendance.

Chairman Hamler called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Meeting Minute Approval:

Sally made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Margaret seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

Public Health Nurse Update: Molly reported to the Board that she had attended several meetings and classes which included the FICMR Coordinator's meeting (she is the Frontier County representative), PPWOW (Planned Parenthood) conference, and monthly Child Protective Services meetings. She also reported that she had been regularly attending well child clinics (including the new Harrison Clinic), gave Sheridan School Staff TB tests, gave Hep B shots at all schools, did home visits in Ennis and Waterloo, held Flu clinics in TB, Sheridan, VC, Pony, Ennis, Winston Rod, FMVB, and Margaret's office. She also gave a presentation to the Tobacco Root Mtn. Care Center staff about Flu Vaccine, assessed immunization records at all the licensed daycares. Her future plans included dental screening at all the schools, finish Hep A & B shots at fire departments, teaching "Responsible Choices" to Ennis Freshman girls, trying to get a male nursing student to teach the same to Junior boys, give Tdap to all 6th graders and teach good oral health to after school program in Ennis, and attend the PH Spring and Summer Institutes.

Public Health Administrator Update: Jill reported to the Board that she had also attended several meetings and trainings which included Regional Emergency Preparedness Meetings, monthly LEPC meetings, monthly CCC meetings, county commissioner meetings, AMPHO (Association of Montana Public Health Officials, which Jill was elected Secretary of) meetings, SNS Dispensing Training, and PIO trainings. She also said she had completed the Qtr 1 deliverables for the Emergency Preparedness Grant. She helped Molly with Flu clinics in Sheridan, Pony, TB, and FMVB, drafted an emergency plan for Special Needs/Populations with Frank Ford, participated on the Legislative Committee for AMPHO, and completed Pandemic Flu deliverables. She is currently trying to find a more efficient way to bill private insurance and find more grants for additional funding. Her future plans are to plan and implement two drills (one tabletop and one full-scale or two tabletops), Pandemic Flu/Disaster planning with hospitals and clinics, Revise the county SNS Plan, attend the PH Spring and Summer Institutes, give Meth Presentations to all towns with Roger Thompson.

Emergency Response Plans: Jill asked the Board to bring the Emergency Response Plan binders she had give out to the next meeting so they could go over the plans, approve them and give Jill permission to submit them to the county commissioners.

New Business:

Child Protection and Safety grant money: Jill advised the Board there was \$1,000 in Child Protection and Safety grant money that the department had acquired several years ago and was still sitting in the General Fund. She said she and Molly had thought of doing a helmet safety campaign with the money, but asked for other suggestions. She and Molly will contact St. Pat's Hospital to see if their Trauma Section still has a helmet program and get information from them.

Public Health Board Vacancy: Ralph Hamler said he would like to recommend Doug Walsh (Superintendent for Ennis Schools) to take Dan Rask's place on the Board. Jill will ask the commissioner's to send a letter to Doug to see if he will accept.

Pink Eye Outbreak: Margaret reported to the Board that she had done some research on the current Pink Eye outbreak that seems to be hitting Ennis. She said her first patient was on October 1, 2006, and it is still a problem. There were 29 cases in the daycares, 52 in Ennis School, 88 prescriptions filled at Ennis Pharmacy and she wasn't sure how many patients were seen at the Madison Valley Clinic. She had done a phone interview with an ophthalmologist in Bozeman who said it is extremely contagious for 24 hours after being treated with antibiotic drops and that students should stay home from school if the eye is goopy, red and matted. The drops of choice are Tobramycin. Jill will call the Ennis School to see if they have a policy on Pink Eye and give them the State's recommendations.

Family Planning Grant Money: Margaret asked if there was any family planning grant money that she could be a part of. She said the high schoolers know they can come to her for pregnancy tests and office visits and she won't charge, so she ends up losing a lot of money. They Title X money goes to Butte-Silverbow County Health Department, but sometimes Butte is too far for these kids to travel. Jill will look into getting some funding for Madison County.

Spay/Neuter Clinics: Margaret asked the Board if Madison County should try to get participation from local vets on a spay/neuter clinic. Jill said there is a mobile clinic that is coming through Virginia City in the Spring and that Linsue Crowley would be the contact to for that. Margaret said she'd give her a call.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2007 at 5:30 PM.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.